

Senate File 2113 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to provide that peace officers and retired peace
2 officers qualify as classroom driver education instructors.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 272.31, Code 2014, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. The board shall issue a classroom
4 driver education instructor authorization for purposes of
5 section 321.178 to a person who completes a training program
6 that meets the standards set by the board, who complies with
7 rules adopted pursuant to subsection 4, and who is either a
8 peace officer as defined in section 801.4, subsection 11, or
9 is retired under chapter 97A or 411, or section 97B.49B or
10 97B.49C, after service as a peace officer as defined in section
11 801.4, subsection 11. The training program shall include
12 but not be limited to a minimum of fifteen contact hours in
13 a program consisting of instruction relating to classroom
14 management, strategies for learning, diversity, and ethics.

15 Sec. 2. Section 321.178, subsection 1, paragraph b,
16 subparagraph (1), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

17 (1) To be qualified as a classroom driver education
18 instructor, a person shall ~~have satisfied the educational~~
19 ~~requirements for a teaching~~ meet one of the following
20 requirements:

21 (a) Hold a valid teacher's license at the elementary or
22 secondary level and hold a valid license an endorsement to
23 teach driver education in the public schools of this state
24 issued under chapter 272.

25 (b) Be a peace officer as defined in section 801.4,
26 subsection 11, paragraph "a", "b", or "c", or be retired
27 under chapter 97A or 411, or section 97B.49B or 97B.49C,
28 after service as a peace officer as defined in section 801.4,
29 subsection 11, paragraph "a", "b", or "c", and meet the
30 requirements of section 272.31, subsection 3A.

31 EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 This bill permits a person who is a peace officer or a
35 retired peace officer to be qualified as a classroom driver

1 education instructor if the person also meets the board of
2 educational examiner's requirements for a classroom driver
3 education instructor authorization. Currently, only persons
4 holding a teaching license with an endorsement to teach driver
5 education may qualify to be a classroom driver education
6 instructor.

7 The bill directs the board of educational examiners to
8 issue a classroom driver education instructor authorization
9 to a person who completes a training program that meets the
10 standards set by the board and who is either a peace officer or
11 a retired peace officer. The training program shall include
12 but not be limited to a minimum of 15 contact hours in a program
13 consisting of instruction relating to classroom management,
14 strategies for learning, diversity, and ethics.

15 Under the bill, the term "peace officer" is limited to
16 sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, marshals and police officers of
17 cities, and peace officer members of the department of public
18 safety.